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### News Release

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### **Celebrate Father's Day at New Bedford Whaling NHP**

*June 21*


New Bedford, MA. "America's best idea" – the national parks – gets even better this summer. National parks around the country will be hosting three fee-free weekends this summer on June 20-21, July 18-19, and August 15-16. We're inviting you to come by for a visit, to relax, to learn a little bit about this great nation, and to just have some fun. Tough economic times call for economical fun, and you can't beat America's 391 national parks for family time, fresh air, and opportunities to learn about our great country.

These three weekends are a chance for a free visit to a park that has an entrance fee – but every day, there are more than 200 national parks that never charge an entrance fee. One such example is New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park in downtown New Bedford. The park is open seven days a week, free of charge. It offers a 20-minute orientation movie about New Bedford's fascinating whaling history, as well as exhibits and self-guided walking tour brochures on topics such as Herman Melville, the whaling industry, the Underground Railroad and our working waterfront. On Sunday, June 21, there will be a ranger-led Working Waterfront Tour at 2:30 PM, where you can learn how New Bedford's fishing industry today has its roots in its whaling history. The 45-minute guided walking tour will leave from the park's visitor center at 33 William Street and is limited to 20 people. Sturdy walking shoes are recommended.

So grab your dad, and friends and family, and make some national park memories this Father's Day at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park!

**For a list of family fun activities** at national parks this summer go to:  
[http://www.nps.gov/pub\\_aff/parks2009/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/pub_aff/parks2009/index.htm)

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New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park was established by Congress in 1996 to help preserve and interpret America's nineteenth century whaling industry. The park, which encompasses a 13-block National Historic Landmark District, is the only National Park Service area addressing the history of the whaling industry and its influence on the economic, social, and environmental history of the United States.

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